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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: OPTICAL FIBER FOR EXTENDED WAVELENGTH BAND being a  
Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/06958, filed on  
September 21, 1999  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT/EP99/06958, filed on September 21, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98117828.8, filed on September 21, 1998 and US Provisional Application No. 60/104,636, filed on October 16, 1998.

1. Application - 26 pages, including 3 independent claims and 33 claims total (as amended).
2. Drawings - 11 sheets of drawings containing 14 figures
3. Preliminary Amendment.

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4. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98117828.8, filed on September 21, 1998.
5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
6. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	33	-	20	13	x \$18	\$234.00
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8. Cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO 00/17680 of International Application No. PCT/EP99/06958 with English-language abstract.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 98117828.8, filed on September 21, 1998 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/104,636, filed on October 16, 1998.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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